MR. CHAIRMAN: Very good.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: As has been pointed out by Mr. Yashwant Sinha, in all the fora...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Put your supplementary.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: I am putting the question. They want to pressuries India into changing her economic policies . In the case of the Asian Development Bank also...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Put your question please.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: The A.D.B. wants to give loans only to the private sector and not to the public sector. We need to strengthen our public sector for the infrastructural development of the country. But they want to give loans only to the private sector. I would like to know whether this aspect was brought to their notice and, if so, what was the outcome.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Sir, his suspicion might be true, but his information is wrong. And I will read out from what they have decided and which are the projects.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I hope, it is not a long one. If it is a short one, then read it; otherwise you lay it on the Table.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Within half a minute, I will give.

"This new strategy has laid emphasis upon continuing the ADB lending in all the areas identified earlier". And the identified areas are—agriculture and social infrastructure sectors for concessional lending. And in that, they have taken—improvement of infrastructural facilities, modernisation of railways, modernisation of public sector. And if you want, I will give the break-up. Out of the total cumulative lending of 17.47 million dollars upto 30-4-1990, 12.39 per cent has been for ports development, 20.02 per cent for industries and to lines of credit to develop financial institutions like the ICCI, IDBI, IFCI, 10.8 per cent for railway modernisation projects and 11.3 per cent for road improvement projects and 14.4 per cent for tele-communication sector.

Now it is clear that we are not creating a craze for private sector, but essentially for the public sector.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 225. Question No. 226. Prof. Thakur. Are you asking your question or not?

PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Yes, Sir, I am asking.

* 225. [*The Questioner (Shri Ashok Nath Verma) was absent for answer vide col. infra*]

Development of Tourist infrastructure in Bihar and Gujarat

226. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans for the development of tourist infrastructure in Bihar and Gujarat during the first year of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the backlog of unimplemented Tourism Development Schemes of Buddhist interest of the Seventh Five Year Plan and what is the total unspent amount under that Head; and

(c) what steps, if any, are being taken to expedite their implementation?

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*The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by prof. Chandresh P. Thakur.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. However, the Ministry provide financial assistance to augment tourist infrastructure based on specific proposals made by State Governments, their merit, availability of funds, and *inter-se* priorities. Delhied project reports alongwith estimates from the States of Bihar and Gujarat have not been received so far for current financial year.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Tourism on the basis of recommendations of the Task Force, have sanctioned the folowing projects/schemes of Buddhist interest in the State of Bihar during the Seventh Five Year Plan:—

Five Year Plan — (Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released	Amount unspent
1.	Construction of Tourist Bungalow at Nalanda .	25.00	5.00	20.00
2.	Construction of Tourist Bungalow at Gopalganj .	25.00	5.00	20.00
3.	Toilet and drinking water facilities at Bodhgaya, Nalanda and Rajgir	4.50	3.00	1.50

Concerted efforts have been made to expedite execution of construction of Tourist Bungalows at Nalanda and Gopalganj through a series of meeting with the State Government of Bihar. However, they have still to provide developed plots of lands for the two projects. The work on Toilet and drinking water facilities at Bodhgaya, Nalanda and Rajgir is in progress.

The Task Force, constituted by the Ministry, observed that there are no places of Buddhist interest in Gujarat, having potential for further development to attract domestic and foreign tourists.

PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Sir, tourism is a great source of income and employment. I have seen the statement of the Minister particularly with regard to Uttar Pradesh. A statement is also made that the tourist circuits are determined by the State Governments. Is there any constitutional ban on the Central Governmen taking active steps for identifying tourist circuits which are meeting certain criteria—number one, that it has a potential to develop as a priority tourist sector; number two, that it will have resource support from the Central Government—not only resource support, it will have technological support also. Keeping that in view, I would like to know from the hon. Minister that if there is no constitutional ban, will the Government of India take upon itself this responsibility and begin to identify tourist circuits in different parts of the country, particularly in such areas where the development needs to be accelerated, particularly in U.P. Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and come out with a time-bound programme of tourism development identi fication of tourist circuits, a programme of investments and a task force to see that it is implemented within a time-bound programme?

श्री सत्यपाल मलिक : श्रीमन्, पर्यटन का विकास मूलत: राज्य सरकार की जिम्मेदारी है । केंद्रीय सरकार, जो राज्य सरकारों के विशिष्ट प्रस्ताव होते हैं, जो उनकी योजनायें होती हैं, उसमें उनकी सहायता करती है । जो हमारी आर्थिक सीमायें हैं उनमें रहते हुए हमारी ज्यादा से ज्यादा कोशिश होती है कि उनकी हम वित्तीय सहायता करें । इसके अलावा जो जगह आइडेंटीफाई की जाती है, पहचानी जाती है, उन जगहों के प्रचार और प्रसार में हम उनकी सहायता करते हैं । जहां वे सड़कों पर यात्रियों को सुविधा देने का काम करती हैं, उसमें भी हम उनकी सहायता करते हैं । लेकिन मूलत: यह जिम्मेदारी राज्य सरकारों की है । वे अपने अपने राज्यों में यह पहचान करें कि कौन कौन जगह पर्यटन स्थल हो सकते हैं । हम इस सिलसिले में राज्य सरकारों के साथ निरंतर संपर्क में रहते हैं ।

लेकिन जो माननीय सदस्य का प्रस्ताव है कि हम सारी चीजें अपने हाथ में लें लें, इस पर हमने अभी कोई विचार नहीं किया है और मेरा ख्याल है कि इसको राज्य सरकारें भी पसंद नहीं करेंगी कि पर्यटन का सारा काम हम अपने हाथ में ले लें । इसलिये मैं इस सिलसिले में कोई भी कमिटमेंट करने की स्थिति में नहीं हूं ।

प्रो० चन्द्रेश पी० ठाकुर : मेरा दूसरा सप्लीमेंटरी यह है कि मैंने एक पत्र माननीय मंत्री जी को लिखा कि बहुत सारे बुद्धिस्ट सेंटर के जो ट्यूरिस्ट डवलपमेंट प्रोग्राम हैं वह योजनाएं कार्यान्वित नहीं हो रही हैं बिहार में (व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

UNDP aid for mining projects in Orissa

*222. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UNDP aid is likely to be obtained for some mining projects in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) A Project on "Development of Gemstone Resources of Orissa State" has been approved for assistance by UNDP.

(b) The project includes:

(i) delineation and assessment of gemstone prospects of Orissa State;

(ii) adoption of appropriate mining and processing techniques;

(iii) establishment of a modern gem testing laboratory; and

(iv) upgradation of knowledge, skill and experience of the technical personnel through training in State of art techniques.

Import of Phosphoric Acid by MMTC

*225. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MMTC has been designated as the Canalising Agency for the import of phosphoric acid;

(b) if so, what norms have been laid down by MMTC for its distribution; and

(c) whether MMTC has imported the phosphoric acid in crystal form or in liquid form and what is the grade/percentage thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN):

(a) to (c) MMTC has been designated as the canalising agency for import of Phosphorid Acid with effect from 8-2-1990.